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SUBJECT: TITO VISIT TO SWEDEN

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1. JAN LUNDVIK, ACTING CHIEF OF FIRST DIVISION
(COMMUNIST AND NORDIC COUNTRIES) DISCUSSED WITH US
MARCH 29 - APRIL 1 VISIT TO STOCKHOLM BY YUGOSLAV
PRESIDENT TITO. (LUNDVIK, WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN
TALKS, IS SUBSTITUTING FOR FIRST DIVISION
CHIEF BERGQUIVT, IN MOSCOW WITH PRIME
MINISTER PALME.)

2. LUNDVIK SAID THAT WITH SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF
TITO VISIT, YUGOSLAV-SWEDISH RELATIONS CAN NOW
BE DESCRIBED AS BACK TO NORMAL STATE WHICH EXISTED BEFORE
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ASSASSINATION OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO

STOCKHOLM IN APRIL 1971. LUNDAVIK CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS THAT TITO VISIT WAS ALMOST CANCELLED AT LAST MOMENT DUE TO YUGOSLAV CONCERN OVER DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE VISIT BY CROATS IN SWEDEN. ACCORDING TO LUNDAVIK, ON MARCH 21 YUGOSLAVS INFORMED SWEDES THAT UNLESS STOCKHOLM COULD GIVE ASSURANCES THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE PREVENTED, VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED. WHILE GOS COULD GIVE NO SUCH ASSURANCES, LUNDAVIK SAID, PRIME MINISTER PALME DID SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE YUGOSLAV LEADER REQUESTING THAT VISIT BE MADE AS SCHEDULED. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO YUGOSLAVS, LUNDAVIK CONTINUED, THAT CANCELLATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY TITO'S OPPONENTS AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SEVERE SETBACK TO YUGOSLAV-SWEDISH RELATIONS, HE ADDED.

3. REFERRING TO FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC'S STATEMENT THAT YUGOSLAVS ENCOURAGED GOS TO JOIN NON-ALIGNED GROUP, LUNDAVIK SAID SWEDES MADE IT CLEAR THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING, ALTHOUGH THEY DO EXPECT TO ATTEND FORTHCOMING COLOMBO MEETING AS "INVITED GUEST." LUNDAVIK ADDED THAT SWEDES UNDERSTOOD THAT YUGOSLAVS FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE AS ONLY "WHITE" (SIC) MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

4. YUGOSLAVS INDICATED TO SWEDES THAT THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH 25TH CONGRESS OF CPSU IN THAT IT REAFFIRMED CURRENT BREZHNEV LINE. IN YUGOSLAV VIEW, BREZHNEV IS BETTER THAN ANY CONCEIVABLE SUCCESSOR, LUNDAVIK SAID. IN THEIR TALKS WITH SWEDES, YUGOSLAVS INSISTED THAT TITO'S DEATH WOULD NOT ALTER MAIN LINES OF YUGOSLAV POLICY, AND THEY EMPHASIZED THAT YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WOULD DEAL "RUTHLESSLY" WITH "COMINFORMISTS" WHO ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE REGIME.

5. LUNDAVIK AGREED WITH GENERAL IMPRESSION OF OBSERVERS THAT TITO APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH. CONSIDERING THAT TITO HAD JUST MADE TIRING VISITS TO LATIN AMERICA AND PORTUGAL, LUNDAVIK SAID, HE APPEARED REMARKABLY FIT. (ONLY DAMAGE DONE TO TITO DURING HIS STOCKHOLM VISIT OCCURRED WHEN YUGOSLAV AIDE, GENERAL MARKO SAPO, SLAMMED LIMOUSINE DOOR ON TITO'S HAND. TV CAMERA
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IMMORTALIZED THE INCIDENT, INCLUDING THE LOOK OF REPROACH THAT TITO DIRECTED TOWARDS HIS AIDE.)
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